



MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR February 14, 2012



DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2012
TIME: 5:03 PM
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jeanette Mei, Vice-Chairperson Carrie Huang (late),
Commissioner Danielle McGuinness, Mary Orbeta, Emani Pollard,
Mackenzie Prince (late), Angus Storm, and Sonia Xu.

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

Absent: Commissioner Amanda Khoo, Leigh Pond

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 10, 2012

Minutes of January 10, 2012 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C McGuinness / Pollard (Approved)

"That the Minutes of January 10, 2012 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved."

Approved (6): Chairperson Mei, Vice-Chairperson Huang
Commissioner McGuinness, Pollard, Storm, and Xu

Abstention (1): Commissioner Orbeta

Absent (3): Commissioner Prince (late), Khoo, Pond

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Amendments, and updates of the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission By-Laws: Meeting Frequency, Meeting Time, Meeting Location, Commission Members Reduction, etc. (Discussion / Action Item)

TC Wong stated that due to the current implementation of the Sunshine Ordinance, the City has asked support staff on all City Boards and Commissions to update and review their by-laws. TC Wong also stated that the audio from future meetings will also be uploaded to the website for public access. The City Council also decided to keep the number of Youth Commission members at 11. TC Wong informed the Youth Commission that the Commission from the past several years has not been a full 11 member Commission. Staff has been close in canceling meetings and wasted staff time in doing so. TC Wong suggested to 1) avoid canceling meetings due to lack of Quorum, and 2) in order to amend future By-laws the following should be amended in the By-Laws:

1) Article V – Quorum and 2) Article VIII – Amending By-laws. The changes will be more efficient for conducting future Commission meetings. The change is from “6 of 11 members” to a **“51% of current members”** in both of the stated Articles (V and VIII).

RS Russi stated that the Commission should review the By-Laws as a standard practice, he also stated to follow the recommendation of TC Wong to change the two Articles (V & VIII).

Updating of the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission By-Laws.

M/S/C McGuinness / Pollard (Approved)

Change both Article V (Quorum), and Article VIII (Sect. 2) to a “51% of current members” from the current “6 of 11 members”.

Approved (8): Chairperson Mei, Vice-Chairperson Huang
 Commissioner McGuinness, Orbeta, Pollard, Price, Storm, Xu

Absent (2): Khoo, Pond

- B. California Parks and Recreation Society, “YAK ATTACK” Invitation (Discussion / Action Item)

TC Wong informed the Youth Commission that there is a YAC Attack one-day conference designed by youth FOR youth, whether you're a Youth Advisory Board, Commission, Committee, or Council, this day is for you! This conference will offer educational sessions, thought-provoking debates, quality networking opportunities and innovative ideas to bring back to your community. The “You-Niting Youth” Conference is held on Saturday, March 3, in Santa Clara. The deadline is nearing, please let TC Wong know ASAP.

No Action Taken

- C. Teen Job Search Skills Workshop (Discussion / Action Item)

RS Russi provided a background of the Workshop. He stated that in the past six years the workshop was held at the Alameda Library, and the past two years, there were a high turnout of teen participants. The workshop has concentrated on the skills of searching and preparing for the job search instead of hosting a job faire due to the state of the economy where jobs are scarce. TC Wong asked the Youth Commission for input on where the Workshop should be held, since Alameda South Shore had an opportunity for space at their location. Commissioner McGuinness stated that the Library is better to provide the teens with the information then at South Shore. Commissioner Storm stated that at South Shore, it provides that opportunity of seeing where they may work at, it's more of a business/retail center. RS Russi stated that we are still in discussion of the event. TC Wong stated that a planning meeting will

be scheduled and the input of Youth Commissioners is needed. TC Wong also stated that there are pros and cons of where ever the event is held, maybe we do the Workshop session with concentration on the Search Skills as part 1(knowledge base), and the Job Faire, at South Shore as part 2, retail businesses providing summer opportunity to hire potential teens.

RS Russi also asked the Youth Commission what additional topics should be at the workshop? Commissioner McGuinness stated an introduction of managing your finances, personal budgeting. Vice-Chair Haung stated your job (income) and how it affects your financial aid status, taxes and what taxes mean. TC Wong is looking at planning meeting in early March, with an event in late April (April 19th/April 26th).

Vice-Chair Huang, Commissioner Pollard and Xu were interested in assisting with planning the event. Personal Budgeting, Taxes, and Job income affecting financial aid status are to be considered.

Discussion / No Action Taken

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

7. COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Alameda Youth Speaks with Alameda Police Chief, Mike Noonan

TC Wong stated that a planning meeting is to be scheduled with Alameda Police Chief, Mike Noonan, and Jim Franz. More details will be given at the next Youth Commission meeting in March.

B. Season of Non-Violence Speech Contest

RS Russi stated that there should have been some information sent out to the school on the Season of Non-violence Speech Contest. RS Russi was informed that the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) is school facilitating the "Word of the Day" during the season of Non-violence. Also, AUSD held a Bully Prevention Assembly at the elementary, middle, and high school. TC Wong stated that Past Chairperson Jordan Flores had M/C the event. Vice-Chair Huang stated that past Vice-Chair Samantha Chin and her (Huang) was also a past participant. TC Wong stated that he will forward the Youth Commissioner to Jim Franz who is facilitating the event. More details/updates to follow at the next meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS, GENERAL

RS Russi stated that:

1) Alameda Recreation and Park Department is now accepting application for summer employment. Applications for Recreation Leaders are available on-line, at the City's/ARPD Website.

2) Spring Egg Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 (Rainout Date, April 7), the event estimated attendance is 1,500 kids who participate. It's a free event which will have a mobile fish exhibit, games, crafts, and ends with a "Scramble" / hunt for eggs.

9. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

10. Adjournment 5:52 PM